

Dissident newsletter defies Soviet police

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Moscow—Another issue of the Soviet dissident underground newsletter, the *Chronicle Of Current Events*, began circulating in Moscow yesterday in defiance of a secret police campaign aimed at halting its publication.

Issue No. 31 of the *Chronicle*, 27 typewritten pages, gives a detailed history of the efforts of the Crimean Tatars to return to the Crimea from Central Asia, the Ural Mountains and Siberia, where they were

scattered 30 years ago on suspicion of having collaborated with the Germans during World War II.

The issue was the fourth circulated here in the last two weeks after a hiatus of 18 months when the chronicle's compilers and distributors were driven into hiding by a police crackdown aimed at suppressing the publication, which had appeared bi-monthly.

The Soviet secret police, known as the KGB from their Russian initials, had acted on the premise that the chronicle, more than anything else, held disparate dissident elements together and merged them into the amorphous group known as the Democratic Movement.

The latest issue of the chronicle reports that the most recent actions of the Crimean Tatars to return to their historical homeland was to send a delegation of 13 representatives from Central Asia to Moscow last December to present a petition to the Central Committee of the Communist party. The petition requested that they be allowed to return to the Crimea.